

Reading: Joshua 1:1-9

Topic: Developing Attributes That Make Strong Leaders # 3

INTRODUCTION: As we have established in the last two lessons, every _____ will eventually be a _____ of someone else, thus it is vital that in order to be a good and effective influence on those that we _____, we must develop positive attributes.

I. COURAGE:

A. Defined:

1. The Webster's Dictionary defines 'courage,' as "The capacity to _____ danger without giving way to fear," which means that one does have fear, but does not let it _____ their conduct.
2. A second definition of 'courage,' is "The ability to _____ something that frightens one," which interpreted means to be brave even though one has great _____ while facing the situation.

B. Bible Definition:

1. The original Hebrew word for courage translates to, "Being fortified in _____ and spirit," in preparation to face some danger or great opposition.
2. The original Greek word for courage translates to, "being daring and _____" in the face of danger and opposition.

C. God Commanded It:

1. When younger Joshua assumed the responsibility of leading the _____ of Israel after the end of Moses' leadership, God instructed him to be _____ and very courageous. Jos. 1:6,7
2. God gave Joshua the formula for success as a leader of God's _____, and then repeated the words again to be strong and of a good _____. Jos. 1:8,9

D. Reinforced By Others:

1. When Joshua addressed the leaders of the _____ and encouraged them by referring to the words of Moses and the Lord, they responded by encouraging their _____ leader to be of good courage. Jos. 1:18
2. When Joshua and the people had _____ the flooded Jordan River and entered the Promised Land, their first great challenge was the city of Jericho, and the Lord reinforced Joshua's _____ again with a visible heavenly appearance. Jos. 5:13-15; 6:1,2

E. All Leaders Need Courage:

1. When one becomes a _____, one is not just responsible for themselves, but also for those whom he/she is leading, thus the burden of doing what is _____ falls on their shoulders.
2. There will be times when the leader will have to make the _____ between being liked by people and doing the _____ thing. Mk. 15:11-15
3. Doing the right thing and not the popular thing requires a great amount of _____, when it would be easier to relent and give in to what would _____ the most people.
4. All leaders need to remember that they are answerable to _____, and one must desire to please the Lord more than to have the applause of the _____.
5. God will give _____ to any leaders who desires it, and will honor those who will do what pleases Him more than seeking the approval of _____.
6. When a leader displays _____ in doing the right thing, it often inspires others who will then also be moved to do that which is right, and they will become _____ also. Phil. 1:14

II. CONFIDENCE:

A. Confidence In God:

1. Many of the leaders that God chose and _____ to do His work were not very confident in what they were being assigned to do. Judges 6:11-16
2. When Moses was called by God to go and _____ the Children of Israel out of Egypt, he was not at all confident that he was the one for the _____, and he made excuses. Ex. 3:10,11; 4:10
3. In both of these cases, God revealed His strength and _____ unto the ones that He _____:
 - a. Gideon – the Lord confirmed through the fleece. Judges 6:36-40
 - b. Moses – the Lord confirmed through powerful signs. Ex. 4:1-9

B. Confidence In Oneself With God:

1. Once people develop _____ in God, and become aware that God is going to be there to back them up, they in turn will become _____ to move forward to do God's will. Judges 7:12-15
2. Being self-confident through the Lord Jesus Christ is the _____ kind of confidence to have and not the boastful kind that the _____ tried to promote. Phil. 4:13
3. A leader needs to display a godly kind of _____ with humility, which will inspire those who he/she are leading to be faithful and willing to _____ their leader.
4. There is an old proverb that states this:
 - He that knoweth not and knoweth not that he knoweth not is a fool – shun him!
 - He that knoweth, and knoweth not that he knoweth is a wise man – hear him!
 - He that knoweth and knoweth that he knoweth is a leader – follow him!

CONCLUSION: We have studied 6 attributes that make strong leaders:

1. Kindness
2. Humility
3. Integrity
4. Wisdom
5. Courage
6. Confidence

If we are lacking in any of these areas, God will help us to _____ and develop into leaders that will be _____ to Him.